REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE (Maharashtra): Sir, I beg to present the Hundred and Twenty-second Report (in English and Hindi of the Committee on subordinate Legislation.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRI R. MARGABANDU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I beg to present the following reports (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Papers laid on the Table:--

(i) 67th Report regarding United India Insurance Company Limited, Chennai Port Trust, Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited; and

(ii) 68th Report regarding National Fertilizers Limited and Oriental Insurance Company Limited.

REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE RAILWAY CONVENTION COMMITTEE

SHRI JANARDAN YADAV (Bihar): I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the First Report of the Railway Convention Committee on "Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of Railway Convention Committee (1996) on "Ninth Plan Perspective-Infrastructural Requirement of Indian Railways" alongwith Minutes relating thereto.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBIDURAI): Sir, I beg to move:

"That in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), read with sub-rule (2) of rule of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member form among the members of the House to be member of the National Shipping Board in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri Narendra Pradhan from the membership of Raiya Sabha on the 1st July, 1998."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Jaswant Singh.

STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER AND DISCUSSION

Billateral Talks with United States--Contd.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am grateful to you for providing me with this opportunity to clarify some of the issues, most of the issues really, that have arisen from yesterday's discussion. I would, at the outset, like to re-emphasise what the hon. Prime Minister has repeatedly asserted in Parliament, out of it, in the United Nations and elsewhere, and which has been the guiding principle of our talks with the United States of America or with any other country that we have been engaged with in explaining our viewpoint. And that principle is that there is only one, and one criterion alone, that shall determine the approach that India takes in regard both to the enunciation of policy and the practice of diplomacy post-May